

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CELEBRATION OF SANSKRIT WEEK
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to celebrate Sanskrit Week every year in the first week of August; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard including the programmes proposed to be undertaken during that week?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
(MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Shravana Poornima has been celebrated as Sanskrit Day since 1969. From the year 2001 onwards, it has been decided to celebrate Sanskrit Week every year comprising 3 days before and 3 days after Shravana Poornima. This year, Shravana Poornima was on 4th August, 2001 and therefore the week was observed from 1st to 7th August, 2001. The observance of the week depends on the exact date of Shravana Poornima every year.

(b) All State Governments/Vice Chancellors of Universities and Institutions engaged in the propagation of Sanskrit are requested to celebrate the week in a befitting manner by organizing Public meetings, meetings of Sanskrit scholars, staging of Sanskrit Dramas, etc within their own budgetary provisions.